

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 27

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A RESOLUTION to honor the exemplary performance and showmanship of the McGavock High School Band.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for this General Assembly to honor those students whose proficiency in an art, craft, or trade has garnered them national accolades; and

WHEREAS, the art of creating music has long been an important part of humanity, serving as a voice for those traits that make us truly human, preserving our history, and forging bridges between diverse cultures; and

WHEREAS, recognition should be given to this State's musicians who have been recognized numerous times for their excellent musical skills and ability to work together as a marching band; and

WHEREAS, the McGavock High School Band once again won the MTSU Contest of Champions in 2004, marking the 11th time McGavock has been named victor in this prestigious competition; and

WHEREAS, this talented band also won the Governor's Cup to be crowned Tennessee State Marching Champion for the twenty-third time since their first such title in 1972; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Jeff Beckman, Rick Murphy, and David Hazlett, the McGavock High School Band always gives the judges and its audience an exquisite display of team unity; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to commendation, the McGavock band was named the winner of the internationally acclaimed John Philip Sousa Foundation's "Sudler Shield Award" in 1994, and has been recognized by the National Band Association as one of the "Ten Finest Bands in the United States"; and

WHEREAS, this marching band claimed the title of Bands of America Southeastern Regional Champions in both 1995 and 1996; and

WHEREAS, the McGavock High School Band has impressively represented its home State of Tennessee by appearing in such prestigious parades as the Orange Bowl Parade in Miami, Florida in 1994 and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City in 1992; the band has also made several national television appearances, including on the Bob Hope Christmas Special in 1991 and in the Tournament of Roses Parade in 1979; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and congratulate Mr. Jeff Beckman, Mr. Rick Murphy, Mr. David Hazlett, and the McGavock High School Band on winning the Contest of Champions and the Governor's Cup in 2004 and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.